

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): I wish to know whether he has put in more years of service than the Head-master?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): I wish to know whether it was communal representation that entitled him to this peculiar privilege?

PRESIDENT: I cannot allow that question. He has claimed notice.

Particulars re Anchal Peons.

182. MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of peons engaged in the Anchal Department for the distribution of letters, money orders, etc.;

(b) the number engaged in the town and the number engaged in the villages;

(c) the average number of square miles in the villages which a peon has to perambulate to do his work; and

(d) the maximum and the minimum area in square miles which peons are travelling at present (11-5-1105)?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (a) 592.

(b) 133 and 459 respectively.

(c) Nearly 14 square miles.

(d) $39\frac{1}{4}$ square miles and $7\frac{3}{4}$ square miles respectively.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): May I know whether efficient service can be done by a peon who has to travel $39\frac{1}{4}$ square miles for doing his duty?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It is the maximum that is given. It may not be that one peon will have to travel $39\frac{1}{4}$ square miles in a day.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): Even in the case of one peon he has to travel $39\frac{1}{4}$ square miles and he is to discharge a certain amount of duty. Will that be satisfactorily done?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): One peon is not asked to do that work. Taking the whole area and the number of peons in the Department the maximum area will be thirty nine and one fourth square miles.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): May be that he has got only one letter but then the person addressed may be a resident of a distant place.

PRESIDENT: What distance?

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): At a very great distance from the place where the Anchal office is situated.

PRESIDENT: What is that very great distance?

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): Thirty-nine and one-fourth square miles.

PRESIDENT : That is not the distance. It is the area.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*) : When the square miles increase naturally the mileage also will increase.

Revival of the Magistrate's Court at Adoor.

183. **MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether they have received any application from the people of Kunnattur taluk for the restoration of the Magistrate's Court at Adoor ; and

(b) if so, when that application was received and the action taken upon it ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) A petition from Mr. Philipose Muthalali Alexander Muthalali and others of Adoor praying for the restoration of the Magistrate's Court at Adoor was received on the 10th December 1929. An endorsement was given to the petitioners, on the 20th February 1930, to the effect that both the High Court and the District Magistrate, Quilon, consider that there is no necessity for a Magistrate's Court at Adoor but that the matter will be re-examined at the time of the re-distribution of jurisdiction of courts.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*) : May I know whether there will be a re-examination of the re-distribution of the jurisdiction of courts ? May I know whether the Laws Delays' Commissioner has been invested with this power ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : No. He has no power to consider magisterial questions. He can consider only questions of civil jurisdiction.

Transfer of Judicial Officers.

184. **MR. K. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Quilon*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any rule that a Magistrate or Judge shall be transferred from one place to another at least after every three years of active service ; and

(b) whether there is any one of the above classes of officers who has been allowed to remain in the same place for more than three years without any transfer and the special reasons, if any, for such continuous stay ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) The High Court say that no Judge has been in the same station for more than three years without transfer. Three of the Stationary Magistrates have been in their present stations for more than three years.